



# Town of Southern Shores

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Ordinance 2009-07-01

## AN ORDINANCE OF THE SOUTHERN SHORES TOWN COUNCIL AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE RELATING TO TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

Dare County, North Carolina

**BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED** by the Southern Shores Town Council as follows:

### **Article I: Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Code of Ordinance of Southern Shores, Dare County, North Carolina, which was originally adopted by the Town Council on June 7, 1988 and subsequently amended.

### **Article II. Construction**

For purposes of this Ordinance, underlined words (underline) shall be considered as additions to existing Town Code language and strikethrough words (~~strikethrough~~) shall be considered deletions to existing language. Language of the adopted Town Code shall be shown in italics (*italics*).

**Article III.** Whereas due to the largely residential nature of the Town of Southern Shores, all of the local streets and bridges in the Town are residential streets (not major or minor thoroughfares) and they are constructed as such; they were not constructed to sustain large volumes of vehicular traffic nor heavy weight vehicular traffic. This does not include NC Highway 12, which is a NC State maintained thoroughfare.

**Article IV.** Amend Chapter 20, Article III to include Section 20-115-Vehicle Weight Limit Restriction

#### 5-Ton Limit -No Through Truck Traffic Permitted On Town Maintained Streets

Motor vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds prohibited.

- 1) No person, firm or corporation shall drive or operate or cause to be driven or operated a motor vehicle, including vans, trucks, tractors, tractor-trailer combinations, tractor-semi-trailer combinations having a total gross weight, including load, in excess of 10,000 pounds on, along or through any Town street, except as further provided in this section.
2. Vehicles specifically exempted. The following vehicles shall be exempt from the prohibition of this section:
  - a Emergency and municipal vehicles. Due to the nature of their work and the need for unhindered access to all Town streets, authorized emergency vehicles and vehicles owned or operated by a government or municipality, which would otherwise be regulated by this section, are hereby specifically exempt from application of this section. This shall include but is not limited to the following municipal/government

vehicles: Fire vehicles, police vehicles, highway, sanitation and public works vehicles and vehicles of any agent of a municipality including school busses, contracted services such as tree service, provided that such vehicles are engaged in official municipal business within the Town of Southern Shores.

- b) Recreation vehicles. Those vehicles commonly referred to as "recreational vehicles" or "RV's" and which would otherwise be regulated by this section, including but not limited to house coaches, motor homes, campers, and boat/jet ski trailer combinations.

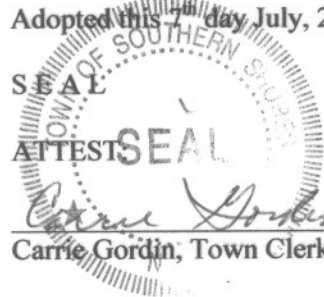
3. Regulation of motor vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds.

a) This section shall not be construed to prevent the service, delivery or pickup of merchandise or other property within the Town of Southern Shores from which such vehicles and combinations are otherwise excluded; provided the regulations and requirements of this section are complied with.

Through truck traffic in excess of 5-Tons is not permitted on the streets within the Town of Southern Shores and shall be designated with appropriate signage as a "No Thru Trucks over 5-Ton" sign.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effective upon adoption.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day, July, 2009.



ATTEST SEAL

Carrie Gordin  
Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

Don Smith  
Don Smith, Mayor

Vote: 5 Aye 0 Nay

Approved as to form:

Ben Gallop  
Ben Gallop, Town Attorney